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2010 Franklin Fire Department poster contest winners announced

Winners to receive a fire truck ride, advance to state competition

Franklin, TN – Six Franklin children will receive a ride on a fire truck for winning first place for their grade levels in the Franklin Fire Department's 2010 Fire Prevention Week poster contest.

The winning students are Kindergartner Caroline Seehorn, Franklin Elementary; first grader Bryn Powell, Oak View Elementary; second grader Cooper Haney, Liberty Elementary, third graders Christian Darr, Pearre Creek Elementary and Ellie Seehorn, Franklin Elementary (who tied), and fourth grader Payton Hoffman, a home school student.

Winning entries illustrated the theme, "Smoke alarms: A sound you can live with!" All winners will advance to the State of Tennessee Fire Prevention Poster Competition in December.

Additionally, third grade Franklin Elementary student Marcos Vazquez won the participant prize drawing of a \$25 gift card to Wal Mart, and third grade Franklin Elementary teacher Tammy Lovell won the adult sponsor prize drawing of a weekend night stay at the Courtyard by Marriott Franklin Cool Springs.

Winning posters will be on display in City Hall through mid-November. For a complete list of winners or to view the winning posters online, please visit www.franklintn.gov/fire.

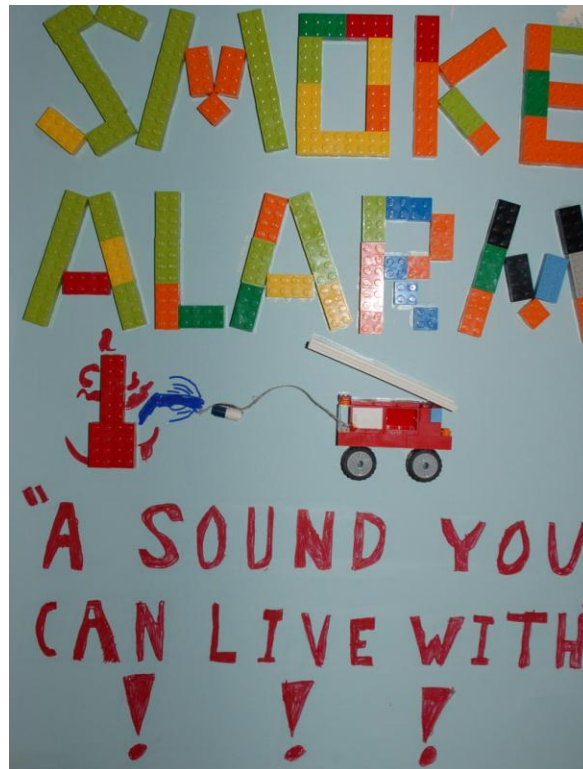
Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

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This is the second year that Franklin Mayor John Schroer has signed a proclamation proclaiming the observance of the entire month of October as Fire Prevention Month in Franklin.



A winning poster by third grade Pearre Creek Elementary student Christian Darr.

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